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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION AT ROMANIAN MISSION, AUGUST 23, 1977

1. SUMMARY: ROMANIANS PROTESTING AUGUST 23 DEMONSTRATION AT
THEIR MISSION IN WHICH NYC POLICE DID NOT ENFORCE 100
FOOT LAW. END SUMMARY.

2. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1977, ROMANIAN NATIONAL DAY, A
DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY ROMANIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL
COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TOOK PLACE AT ROMANIAN MISSION.
F.B.I. WORD OF DEMONSTRATION TO START AT 6 PM RECEIVED BY
USUN AT APPROXIMATELY 3 PM AUGUST 23. USUN TELEPHONED
NY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO VERIFY THAT WORD OF
DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY CITY POLICE. POLICE CON-
FIRMED THEY HAD RECEIVED WORD. AT APPROXIMATELY 6 PM, EMIL
ANDREESCU, THIRD SECRETARY AND CHARGE ROMANIAN MISSION,
CALLED USUN TO PROTEST DEMONSTRATORS WHO WERE WITHIN 100 FEET
OF HIS MISSION AT 573-577 THIRD AVENUE, SHOUTING OBSCEN-
ITIES AND HARASSING ITS MEMBERS. MISOFF TELEPHONED NEW
YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING MATTER BE INVESTIGATED
AND URGENT POLICE ACTION AS APPROPRIATE.
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3. ACCORDING NYPD REPORT, 20 DEMONSTRATORS,
"PRIMARILY WOMEN, CHILDREN AND OLD MEN," GATHERED
IN FRONT OF ROMANIAN MISSION AT 6:30 PM (SIC) TO
PROTEST ARREST AND TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN ROMANIA. POLICE STATED UPON POLICE ARRIVAL PRO-
TESTORS WERE MOVED FROM IN FRONT OF MISSION TO

NORTHEAST CORNER OF EAST 38TH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MISSION (LESS THAN 100 FEET). POLICE ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL LEAFLETS SUPPORTING THE PROTEST WERE AFFIXED (WITH A GLUE) BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON OR PERSONS TO THE FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS OF ROMANIAN MISSION. (IN THIS CONNECTION, ROMANIANS STATE DEMONSTRATION BEGAN AT 6 PM. POLICE ADMITTED TO MISOFFS EVENING OF AUGUST 23 THAT THEY HAD GONE TO WRONG ADDRESS AND THEIR ARRIVAL AT SITE OF DEMONSTRATION DELAYED AS A RESULT). POLICE CLAIM THAT DURING POLICE PRESENCE AT SCENE PROTESTORS WERE ORDERLY AND THERE WERE NO FURTHER INCIDENTS. DEMONSTRATION ENDED AT 8:30 PM. A POLICE COMPLAINT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF WAS PREPARED BY 17TH PRECINCT, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF LACK OF A COMPLAINANT, NO ARRESTS WERE MADE. (ROMANIANS DECLINED TO PROVIDE A COMPLAINANT STATING MATTER ONE FOR US AUTHORITIES TO COPE WITH.) DURING DEMONSTRATION, ROMANIAN MISSION REPEATEDLY TELEPHONED USUN WHICH IN TURN TELEPHONED POLICE AND REACHED USUN SECURITY OFFICERS AT THEIR HOMES. THE LATTER IN TURN TELEPHONED POLICE CONTACTS URGING ACTION. ONE MISOFF WENT TO SCENE NEAR CONCLUSION OF DEMONSTRATION. A SECOND FOLLOWED AFTER CONTINUING CONTACT BY TELEPHONE WITH ROMANIANS AND POLICE.

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4. USUN SECURITY OFFICERS ON EVENING OF AUGUST 23 ALSO NOTIFIED F.B.I. CONCERNING ROMANIAN COMPLAINT OF 100 FOOT VIOLATION. F.B.I. INFORMED USUN ON AUGUST 24 THAT US ATTORNEY DECLINED PROSECUTION ON THOSE GROUNDS.

5. ON AUGUST 24, USUN SECURITY OFFICER (MOLLER) MET WITH ANDREESCU AT ROMANIAN MISSION TO DISCUSS DEMONSTRATION. ANDREESCU OPENED THE MEETING BY STATING THAT AMBASSADOR DATCU CUTTING HIS LEAVE SHORT AND RETURNING TO NEW YORK BECAUSE OF INCIDENT. ANDREESCU REPEATED HIS INSISTENCE OF PREVIOUS EVENING THAT US GOVERNMENT MUST LIVE UP TO ITS OBLIGATION UNDER US FEDERAL LAW TO PROTECT FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND SEE TO ENFORCEMENT OF 100 FOOT LAW. ANDREESCU STATED THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS ONE OF MANY AND THAT HE FEARED FOR SAFETY OF HIS MISSION PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN THE BUILDING. IN REGARD TO DEMONSTRATION, HE EMPHASIZED THAT NYPD DID NOT PROTECT ROMANIAN MISSION AND ALLOWED PROTESTORS TO SHOUT OBSEENITIES AND PASTE LEAFLETS TO MISSION WINDOWS. ANDREESCU CONCLUDED BY OUTLINING THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS: PRIOR NOTIFICATION BY USUN TO HIS MISSION OF ANY DEMONSTRATION, ENFORCEMENT

OF FEDERAL "100 FOOT LAW," AND POLICE PROTECTION BY
NYPD. ANDREESCU INFORMED MISOFF THAT ROMANIAN
MISSION WOULD FILE OFFICIAL PROTEST WITH US MISSION.
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